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Sugamya Bharat Campaign
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets of the Sugamya Bharat Campaign have been fulfilled;

(b) if so, the details of the campaign along with the progress made so far; and
(c) the details of the corporate houses, PSUs and other organizations which are assisting the Government with the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (c): "Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)" has been launched as a nation-wide flagship campaign for achieving universal accessibility for persons with disabilities. The Campaign focuses on three verticals, namely, built environment, public transportation and information and communication technology. The campaign is an ongoing process. The targets of the campaign include conducting access audit of government buildings, public transport and government's information communication technology and subsequent retrofitting by respective State/UTs within a specified time period. A Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary is monitoring the progress to achieve the targets under Accessible India Campaign. Progress made under the Campaign include empanelment of Access Auditors, access Audit of 1077 buildings, coordination to make heritage sites and religious sites accessible, training on accessibility standards, access audit of New Delhi Railway Stations and IGI International Airport, launch of Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons, coordination on accessibility of TV programmes and dissemination, coordination on accessibility of Government Websites, creation of accessible assets under MPLAD and MLALAD funds, coordination for construction of adequate number of unisex accessible toilets under Swatch Bharat Mission, development of Web Portal with mobile application for crowd sourcing information on inaccessible places and sensitization/awareness workshops.
To measure inclusiveness and accessibility across different levels of organizations (including Central and State Sector Public Sector Enterprises), Inclusiveness and Accessibility Index has been launched. It is an educational and aspirational tool, which aims at assessing the current state of inclusiveness and accessibility of persons with disabilities in an organization and acts as a guide for taking progressive steps to increase support, inclusiveness and accessibility towards persons/employees with disabilities.
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